

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninetieth Regular Session

9:30 A.M.

Thursday, February 7, 1991

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by Fred A. Risser, President of the Senate.

The Senate stood for a moment of silent meditation.

The Senate remained standing and Senator Chvala led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Berndt, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Czarnecki, Decker, Ellis, Farrow, Feingold, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Kreul, Lasee, Lekan, Lorman, Moen, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Rude, Stitt, Ulichny, Van Sistine and Weeden -- 33.

Absent -- None.

Absent with leave -- None.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senate Joint Resolution 17

Relating to the general agreement on tariffs and trade.

By Senators Feingold, Czarnecki and Burke; cosponsored by Representatives Gruszynski, Gronemus, Schwartz, Seery, Stower, Grobschmidt, Roberts, Clarenbach, Zweck, Swoboda, Baldus, Black, Vander Loop, Carpenter, Holperin and Travis.

To committee on Agriculture, Corrections, Health and Human Services.

Senate Joint Resolution 18

Relating to the life and public service of Walter Hollander.

Senators Buettner, Ellis and Risser; cosponsored by Representative Panzer.

Considered as privileged and taken up.

Read.

Adopted by unanimous rising vote.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that Assembly Joint Resolution 13 be withdrawn from committee on Senate Organization and taken up.

Assembly Joint Resolution 13

Relating to the life and public service of Henry Berquist.

Read.

Concurred in by unanimous rising vote.

Senate Joint Resolution 19

Relating to the life and public service of Gordon Bubolz.

By Senators Ellis, Lasee and Lekan.

Considered as privileged and taken up.

Read.

Adopted by unanimous rising vote.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator Roshell, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess until 10:50 A.M.

9:46 A.M.

RECESS

10:50 A.M.

The Senate reconvened.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that all members of the Senate be made coauthors of Senate Joint Resolutions 18 and 19 and cosponsors of Assembly Joint Resolution 13.

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 46

Relating to executive action upon legislation.

By Senators Feingold, Adelman, Farrow, Czarnecki, Burke and Barrett; cosponsored by Representatives Lautenschlager, Turner, Potter, Carpenter, Notestein, Wineke, Black, Rohan, Robson, Young, Fortis and M. Coggs.

To committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

Senate Bill 47

Relating to coverage of certain positions of the University of Wisconsin System under the code of ethics for state public officials.

By Senator Adelman; cosponsored by Representatives Gruszynski and Barca.

To committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

Senate Bill 48

Relating to limiting property tax levies, state and local government expenditures and total compensation and fringe benefits provided to state and local

government employees; abolishing the general equalization aid formula for state school aid, creating a foundation plan to fund school costs, eliminating special adjustment aid and modifying children-at-risk aid, minimum aid, special transfer aid, aid to county handicapped children's education boards, the school aid payment schedule and the use of state lottery proceeds; the sales tax rate and exemptions; eliminating the school levy tax credit from the state property tax credit program and creating a tax rate disparity credit; dispute settlement procedure in local government employment; eliminating per capita shared revenue payments; repealing the farmland tax relief credit; limiting the availability of the school property tax credit to renters only; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

By Senators Leean, Ellis, Rude, Moen, Weeden, Andrea, Berndt and Lorman; cosponsored by Representatives Brancel, Ourada, Musser, Deininger, Brandemuehl and Ainsworth.

To Joint Survey committee on Tax Exemptions.

Senate Bill 49

Relating to requiring legal descriptions on assignments or satisfactions of mortgages in certain counties, increasing damages for failure to record full satisfactions and providing a penalty.

By Senators Risser, Burke, Van Sistine and Huelsman; cosponsored by Representatives Van Dreel and Zien.

To committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

Senate Bill 50

Relating to requiring consent for an unemancipated minor's abortion, informed consent of a woman to her own abortion, providing for a study and providing a penalty.

By Senators Lasee, Kreul, Berndt, Stitt, Andrea, Buettner, Roshell, Farrow, Ellis and Cowles; cosponsored by Representatives Vergeront, Turba, Loucks, Van Gorden, Lorge, Brandemuehl, Duff, Musser, Ladwig, Ainsworth and Welch.

To committee on Education, Economic Development, Financial Institutions and Fiscal Policies.

Senate Bill 51

Relating to waiver of the road test requirement for commercial driver licenses and issuance of instruction permits for commercial motor vehicle or school bus operation.

By Senators Barrett, Roshell, Moen, Andrea, Breske, Lasee, Farrow, Rude and Van Sistine; cosponsored by Representatives Vanderperren, Hasenohrl, Moore, Baldus, Carpenter, Gard, Hahn, Hamilton, Huber, Lautenschlager, Notestein, Porter, Prosser, Roberts, Schwartz and Schultz.

To committee on Transportation and Utilities.

Senate Bill 52

Relating to assault weapons and other dangerous weapons, providing penalties and making an appropriation.

By Senators Barrett, Burke, Risser, Ulichny and Lorman; cosponsored by Representatives Carpenter, Bock, Notestein, Moore, Urban, Vanderperren, Turner, Rosenzweig, Bell, Roberts, Krusick, Lehman, Cullen, Wineke, Fortis and S. Coggs.

To committee on Urban Affairs, Environmental Resources and Elections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on Housing, Government Operations and Cultural Affairs reports and recommends:

Assembly Joint Resolution 7

Relating to housing of primary benefit to persons of low or moderate income (2nd consideration).

Concurrence:

Ayes, 4 -- Senators Plewa, Ulichny, Burke and Rude;

Noes, 1 -- Senator Huelsman.

John R. Plewa
Chair

The committee on Aging, Banking, Communications and Taxation reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 23

Relating to exempting certain members of the military who are participating in Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm or a successor operation from interest otherwise due for filing income tax returns after April 15, 1991.

Passage:

Ayes, 5 -- Senators Feingold, Burke, Moen, Buettner and Petak;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Senate Joint Resolution 12

Relating to reducing, by income tax credits or by payments from state revenues, property taxes on residential and agricultural real property as defined by law (2nd consideration).

Adoption:

Ayes, 3 -- Senators Feingold, Burke and Moen;

Noes, 2 -- Senators Buettner and Petak.

Russell D. Feingold
Chair

The committee on Tourism, Commerce, Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs reports and recommends:

BORDEN, J. MICHAEL, of Delavan, as a member of the Lottery Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 1993.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 8 -- Senators Van Sistine, Breske, Roshell, Plewa, Potter, Decker, Kreul and Rude;

Noes, 0 -- None.

PFAFF, BILL, of New Lisbon, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1993.

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Confirmation:

Ayes, 8 -- Senators Van Sistine, Breske, Roshell, Plewa, Potter, Decker, Kreul and Rude;

Noes, 0 -- None.

SKORNICKA, CAROL N., of Madison, as Secretary of the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 8 -- Senators Van Sistine, Breske, Roshell, Plewa, Potter, Decker, Kreul and Rude;

Noes, 0 -- None.

THOMPSON, ROBERT M., of Poynette, as Administrator of the Division of Emergency Government, Department of Military Affairs, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 8 -- Senators Van Sistine, Breske, Roshell, Plewa, Potter, Decker, Kreul and Rude;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Jerome Van Sistine
Chair

The committee on Agriculture, Corrections, Health and Human Services reports and recommends:

WHITBURN, GERALD, of Middleton, as Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

FIEDLER, PATRICK J., of Madison, as Secretary of the Department of Corrections, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

SCHULTZ, JAMES, of Ladysmith, as a member of the Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board, to serve for the interim term ending July 1, 1993.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

WILLOUGHBY, RAY, of Eau Claire, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

FRESE, JERRY L., of Tomahawk, as a member of the Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

HEINRICH, ANN GMEINER, of Menasha, as a member of the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

BAKKER, DORIS L., of Neillsville, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1993.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

BEASER, GLORIA A., of Mindoro, as a member of the Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1992.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

ADRIAN, LINDA, of Lancaster, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

KLUG, RICHARD, of Menomonee Falls, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1995.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

LEWIS, GILBERT, D.V.M., of Menomonee Falls, as a member of the Veterinary Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Confirmation:

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Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

MIDTLING, DR. JOHN, of Milwaukee, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1991.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

BEACH, WILBUR C., of Prairie du Sac, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1995.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

LOBECK, DR. CHARLES, of Madison, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1992.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

LAUFENBERG, DORIS, of Madison, as a member of the Optometry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Confirmation:

Ayes, 9 -- Senators Moen, Decker, Feingold, Jauch, Barrett, Breske, Berndt, Lorman and Kreul;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Rodney C. Moen
Chair

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that all the appointments under the sixth order be taken up en masse, except for Carol N. Skornicka.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that appointments of Gerald Whitburn, Patrick J. Fiedler, James Schultz, Ray Willoughby, Jerry L. Frese, Ann Gmeiner Heinrich, Doris L. Bakker, Gloria A. Beaser, Linda Adrian, Richard Klug, Gilbert Lewis, Dr. John Midtling, Wilbur C. Beach, Dr. Charles Lobeck and Doris Laufenberg be withdrawn from the committee on Senate Rules and taken up.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that all the appointments withdrawn from the Senate Rules committee with the exception of Gerald Whitburn and Patrick J. Fiedler be taken up en masse.

BORDEN, J. MICHAEL, of Delavan, as a member of the Lottery Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 1993.

Read.

PFUFF, BILL, of New Lisbon, as a member of the Snowmobile Recreational Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1993.

Read.

THOMPSON, ROBERT M., of Poynette, as Administrator of the Division of Emergency Government, Department of Military Affairs, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

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SCHULTZ, JAMES, of Ladysmith, as a member of the Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board, to serve for the interim term ending July 1, 1993.

Read.

WILLOUGHBY, RAY, of Eau Claire, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Read.

FRESE, JERRY L., of Tomahawk, as a member of the Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Read.

HEINRICH, ANN GMEINER, of Menasha, as a member of the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

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BAKKER, DORIS L., of Neillsville, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1993.

Read.

BEASER, GLORIA A., of Mindoro, as a member of the Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1992.

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Read.

KLUG, RICHARD, of Menomonee Falls, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1995.

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MIDTLING, DR. JOHN, of Milwaukee, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1991.

Read.

BEACH, WILBUR C., of Prairie du Sac, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1995.

Read.

LOBECK, DR. CHARLES, of Madison, as a member of the Rural Health Development Council, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1992.

Read.

LAUFENBERG, DORIS, of Madison, as a member of the Optometry Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 1994.

Read.

The question was: Confirmation?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 33; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Berndt, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Czarnecki, Decker, Ellis, Farrow, Feingold, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Kreul, Lasee, Leean, Lorman, Moen, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Rude, Stitt, Ulichny, Van Sistine and Weeden — 33.

Noes — None.

Absent or not voting — None.

Confirmed.

SKORNICKA, CAROL N., of Madison, as Secretary of the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Read.

The question was: Confirmation?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Berndt, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Czarnecki, Decker, Ellis, Farrow, Feingold, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Kreul, Lasee, Lorman, Moen, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Rude, Stitt, Ulichny, Van Sistine and Weeden — 32.

Noes — None.

Absent or not voting — Senator Leean — 1.

Confirmed.

WHITBURN, GERALD, of Middleton, as Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Read.

The question was: Confirmation?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Berndt, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Czarnecki, Decker, Ellis, Farrow, Feingold, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Kreul, Lasee, Lorman, Moen, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Rude, Stitt, Ulichny, Van Sistine and Weeden — 32.

Noes — None.

Absent or not voting — Senator Leean — 1.

Confirmed.

FIEDLER, PATRICK J., of Madison, as Secretary of the Department of Corrections, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Read.

The question was: Confirmation?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 33; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Berndt, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Czarnecki, Decker, Ellis, Farrow, Feingold, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Kreul, Lasee, Leean, Lorman, Moen, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Rude, Stitt, Ulichny, Van Sistine and Weeden — 33.

Noes — None.

Absent or not voting — None.

Confirmed.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS
OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND
SENATE BILLS

Senate Joint Resolution 12

Relating to reducing, by income tax credits or by payments from state revenues, property taxes on residential and agricultural real property as defined by law (2nd consideration).

Read.

Senator Chvala, with unanimous consent, asked that the joint resolution be laid on the table.

Senate Bill 21

Relating to providing benefits to veterans of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

Read a second time.

Senator George, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 21** be referred to the joint committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 22

An act relating to health insurance risk sharing plan premium reductions and deductibles subsidy and making an appropriation.

Read a second time.

Senator George, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 22** be referred to the joint committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 23

Relating to exempting certain members of the military who are participating in Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm or a successor operation from interest otherwise due for filing income tax returns after April 15, 1991.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 1?

Senator George, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 23** be referred to the joint committee on Finance.

Senator George, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bill 23** be withdrawn from the joint committee on Finance and taken up.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 1?

Senator Decker, with unanimous consent, asked that Senate amendment 1 be returned to the author.

Senate amendment 2 to **Senate Bill 23** offered by Senators Decker and Van Sistine.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 2?
Adopted.

Senate amendment 3 to **Senate Bill 23** offered by Senator Jauch.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 3?
Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 23

Read a third.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 33; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Berndt, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Czarnecki, Decker, Ellis, Farrow, Feingold, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Kreul, Lasee, Leraan, Lorman, Moen, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Rude, Stitt, Ulichny, Van Sistine and Weeden — 33.

Noes — None.

Absent or not voting — None.

Passed.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENTS
OF ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND
ASSEMBLY BILLS

Assembly Joint Resolution 2

Relating to bill title notations concerning administrative rule making.

Read.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 33; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Berndt, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Czarnecki, Decker, Ellis, Farrow, Feingold, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Kreul, Lasee, Leraan, Lorman, Moen, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Rude, Stitt, Ulichny, Van Sistine and Weeden — 33.

Noes — None.

Absent or not voting — None.

Concurred in.

Assembly Joint Resolution 3

Relating to designating April 21 to 27, 1991, as 'Wisconsin Science and Technology Education Week'.

Read.

Concurred in.

Assembly Joint Resolution 5

Relating to the life and public service of Clifford Messinger.

Read.

Senator Ulichny, with unanimous consent, asked that she be made a cosponsor of **Assembly Joint Resolution 5**.

Senator Chvala, with unanimous consent, asked that all the members of the Senate be made cosponsors of **Assembly Joint Resolution 5**.

Concurred in.

Assembly Joint Resolution 7

Relating to housing of primary benefit to persons of low or moderate income (2nd consideration).

Read a second time.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and that the joint resolution be considered for final action at this time.

Senator Ellis objected.

Senator Helbach moved that the rules be suspended and **Assembly Joint Resolution 7** be considered for final action at this time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 19; noes, 14; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Breske, Burke, Chvala, Czarnezki, Decker, Feingold, George, Helbach, Jauch, Moen, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Ulichny and Van Sistine — 19.

Noes — Senators Berndt, Buettner, Cowles, Ellis, Farrow, Huelsman, Kreul, Lasee, Leean, Lorman, Petak, Rude, Stitt and Weeden — 14.

Absent or not voting — None.

Refused to suspend the rules.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess until 1:55 P.M.

11:48 A.M.

RECESS

1:55 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be ordered immediately messaged.

The Chair appointed as escorts to the Governor Senators George and Leean.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess until 3:15 P.M.

1:57 P.M.

RECESS

The Senate proceeded in a body to the Assembly Chamber to meet in Joint Convention to receive the Budget Message.

IN ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

IN JOINT CONVENTION

The President of the Senate in the chair.

The committee to await upon the Governor appeared with his excellency the Governor, who delivered his message as follows:

STATE BUDGET ADDRESS

Members of the Supreme Court . . . Lieutenant Governor McCallum . . . Secretary of State LaFollete, Attorney General Doyle, Treasurer Zeuske, Superintendent Grover . . . President Risser . . . Speaker Kunicki . . . Tribal Chairmen . . . Cabinet Members . . . Distinguished Guests.

. . . and my fellow Wisconsinites,

Last week, in his State of the Union Address . . . the President of the United States spoke about our fellow Americans shouldering the "Hard Work of Freedom" in the Persian Gulf.

In that same speech, he challenged all of us to do the hard work here at home.

We in Wisconsin know what hard work is.

We know what it means to put in a full day's work to get the job done. We know how to work hard, and live within our means. And . . . we know how to balance a budget.

The budget that I'm presenting today is designed for Wisconsin's hardworking taxpayers.

This is a budget that balances the books without cutting services . . . and it makes the state live within its means.

Like our citizens, we won't spend more money . . . we'll spend our money more wisely.

Countless people said this budget couldn't be balanced.

We've worked hard to build this budget . . . it took many people many long hours and late nights, but Wisconsin's taxpayers deserved no less.

In short, ladies and gentlemen . . . this is a taxpayers budget.

This budget holds the line on state spending and taxes. And that's good news for Wisconsin taxpayers.

And Frankly, a bit of "good news" is most welcome . . .

. . . Especially amid all the bad news from around the nation, as other state governments are confronted with a full-scale recession . . .

--The Governor of New York recently announced he must increase taxes by \$1.5 billion, layoff 10% of the state government's workforce, cut shared revenues by 50 percent, school aids by 10 percent, higher education by \$228 million and medical assistance by \$875 million . . . all to avoid a \$6 billion deficit next fiscal year.

New York's fiscal mess is matched on the west coast by California's huge budget deficit, which is fast approaching \$7 billion.

Our neighbors also face huge deficits:

- Michigan is facing a \$900 million dollar deficit in this fiscal year;

- And Minnesota has appointed budget crisis team to confront a \$1.2 billion deficit in the next biennium.

In fact . . . 38 states face either huge tax hikes, or budget cuts . . . or both.

Wisconsin is not one of them.

Last week, as I travelled from Wall Street to the White House, financial analysts and Governors alike marvelled at Wisconsin's success.

We have done well because we did not go the same route as other states -- raising taxes and spending and ignoring business.

Rather, as we tackled the thorny problems of the minute, we have always taken care to keep our eyes on the future.

Promises Kept

Last year, I promised Wisconsin's taxpayers three things.

I promised that I would not raise taxes.

This budget contains no general tax increases.

I promised that I would maintain a tight grip on state spending.

This budget holds spending increases to less than one percent in the first year . . . and only 3.5% over two years.

I promised that I would control property taxes. This budget includes a comprehensive plan to control property taxes.

Government Efficiency

We can keep each of these promises by controlling spending through increased government efficiency.

In the Thompson Administration, we have constantly sought ways to cut government costs without cutting services.

For example . . . soon after I was first elected, Secretary Klauser and I drove past the State's central car fleet parking lot. We saw a large parking lot, full of idle cars, all of them covered with snow.

A few weeks later, we passed the same lot. The cars were still there . . . many still covered with snow.

Most hadn't moved an inch in all that time.

If all those cars weren't being used . . . we didn't need them.

I directed the Department of Administration to cut back the size of the State's car fleet, to reduce the rate of

replacement purchases, and to drive state cars an additional 6,000 miles.

By emphasizing efficiency, we have saved a substantial amount. In the last four years, more than \$25.8 million has been saved through fleet operations alone.

We will adopt this enforced, increased efficiency throughout state government.

For example, this budget calls for a 10 percent reduction in agency supplies, services and property in the first year, and a 5 percent reduction in the second year.

We will eliminate all state positions that have been vacant for at least twelve months.

We will streamline all future computer purchases.

Over the last decade, the state has spent as much as \$200 million a year on all kinds of computers and computer services for state agencies . . . Some, of which, were incompatible, and others which were soon obsolete.

We will create a division of information technology within the Department of Administration to coordinate and consolidate the state's computing centers.

As a result of our efforts, 27 of the state's 50 general tax supported agencies will receive less money in the first year of this budget. 4 will receive the same amount as last year . . . 14 will receive increases less than the rate of inflation . . . only five agencies will receive increases above the rate of inflation.

And we will accomplish this without using any accounting "tricks".

This is a tight budget but a caring one.

We have had to make some difficult decisions . . . but we always sided with our society's most vulnerable segments . . . our children . . . the poor . . . the elderly and the victims of crime.

The five areas of the state budget with the largest increases are medical assistance . . . school aids . . . shared revenues . . . the tax rate disparity program . . . and the Department of Corrections.

Controlling Property Taxes

I promised to control property taxes. This budget contains a comprehensive seven-point plan to control local spending and increase direct property tax relief.

When the people of Wisconsin voted for the lottery, they expected to see that money reduce their property tax bills.

Last year, our new State Treasurer, Cate Zeuske, and I initiated a bill to create a lottery tax credit.

We still intend to keep faith with our property taxpayers.

The first part of my property tax control plan, will make sure the lottery money shows up as a direct reduction on your property tax bill.

We will create a lottery tax credit of \$110 million on the December 1991 property tax bills -- and an additional \$125 million credit on December 1992 tax bills.

This represents a 34 percent increase in direct credits to property taxpayers.

We will also use the one-time lottery fund reserve to provide property tax relief through local assistance payment of \$144 million in the first year -- most of it devoted to school aids and shared revenues.

Local Government Assistance

The second part of our plan holds down property taxes by increasing our commitment to assist local governments.

In fiscal year 92, we increased shared revenues by \$33.4 million. We will provide additional increases of \$21.7 million in fiscal year 93, and \$26.7 million dollars in fiscal year 94.

To make our shared revenue dollars work even harder, this budget rewards municipalities and counties that hold down spending.

The third part of our plan creates a new budget restraint payment program. Counties and municipalities that limit spending increases to 1 percent above inflation will receive additional aid.

These budget restraint payments will total \$5 per capita for counties and \$10 per capita for cities, villages and towns.

So, if Marathon County adopts a tight budget, the county government could receive a \$577,000 payment. And if the city of Green Bay kept its spending low, it could receive \$964,660.

I am willing to increase shared revenue, only because restraints have been added.

The fourth part of my plan strengthens the tax rate disparity program which began our efforts to encourage spending restraint.

To qualify for this program, cities will now have to limit spending increases to 1% above inflation . . . a reduction from the law's current figure of 3% over inflation.

Unfunded Mandates

We know that local governments need more than incentives to hold down local spending, they need freedom from unfunded mandates.

The fifth part of my part tax control plan, severely restricts the creation of new unfunded mandates and begins to fund existing mandates.

I regard unfunded mandates as patently unfair, and potentially ruinous.

State governments, too, must find ways to finance mandates handed down by the federal government.

For instance, federal medical assistance mandates will cost the taxpayers of Wisconsin more than \$100 million dollars before we are through.

During my first term, I vetoed 43 unfunded mandates, and I will continue to veto new unfunded mandates that cross my desk.

The citizens of Wisconsin agree with me.

Last November, in a general referendum promoted by the Wisconsin Counties Association, the voters overwhelmingly said that the state should not impose mandates upon local government without providing the money to pay for them.

This budget will create a joint survey committee on local mandates to severely restrict creation of new unfunded mandates.

We will also allow school districts to seek waivers from unnecessary state mandates.

And finally, we will start paying for some existing unfunded mandates.

We will take the first step toward changing the youth aids formula, so that the state will pay for incarcerating violent juvenile offenders in state institutions.

We will provide \$9 million over the next two years to continue assuming district attorney salaries.

And we will increase circuit court filing fees to pay for court automation and expanded staffs.

Med/Arb

The sixth part of our property tax control plan deals with the most burdensome mandate of all . . .

The state's mediation/arbitration law for schools.

The current law provides no incentives to school districts to reach negotiated settlements.

In this budget bill, I recommend we allow arbitration on economic issues only if the school district's offer for salary and benefits is less than the consumer price index for the previous year.

Also, I propose the creation of new and shorter timelines.

I propose to require the random selection of arbitrators, after each party has eliminated one name from the seven-member arbitrator panel.

I also propose that in reaching their decisions, arbitrators consider:--local economic conditions:

--the impact of a settlement on local property taxes.

--and, comments and suggestions from the public.

The proposals I've just outlined will require both sides to negotiate in good faith.

This reform will be good for both labor and management . . . but above all, it will be good for our schools and the taxpayers.

School Spending Control

The single largest investment of public money is spent on the education of our children.

We know that the future of our state is assured only if our children receive a quality education.

And during the past four years, we provided the largest increase in state aid to schools. Today, schools receive an additional \$507 million more each year than when we were first elected.

Despite the state governments' extra investment in schools, property taxes have not gone down, and school performance has not necessarily gone up.

I intend to make additional investments in our schools, but I also intend to make sure that our schools work, and that school spending is controlled.

The final part of my property tax control plan limits school spending increases to the rate of inflation.

Districts already spending less than 85% of the statewide per-pupil average will be allowed to increase their spending a full percentage point above the inflation rate.

These spending limits can be over-ridden at any time by a voter referendum.

The voters will always have the final say . . . this time, let's finally take control of property taxes.

School Reform

And while we propose to control school costs, we also propose to make our Wisconsin school systems more accountable to the taxpayers who support them.

In my State of the state address, I outlined a series of bold new proposals designed to make our schools more responsive and easier to manage.

Today, I want to go one step further. Beginning in the fall of 1993, school district enrollment will be capped at 25,000 students.

This means that the Milwaukee public school system will be broken into at least four, smaller, more easily managed districts.

Dr. Peterkin has already taken an excellent first step toward making the Milwaukee school system more responsive to the administration by establishing six service districts.

I applaud his efforts and those of the school board.

Now we must take a further step . . . to make Milwaukee's schools more responsive to communities and parents.

Education simply cannot take place in an atmosphere . . . where individual children and their needs get lost in the shuffle of thousands of feet.

We know the job of educating our children is not finished. We know we must continue the good work our schools have already begun during the past four years.

We therefore will make new investments of \$175 million in school aids over the next two years.

Adult/Continuing Education

We know also that learning is a continuing process that does not end with a high school diploma. In Wisconsin, we believe in learning for life.

In a national and international marketplace, workers will need ever-increasing skills to keep up with the technological changes of their jobs.

Reports indicate that an average worker will change careers five times in his or her lifetime . . . and many of the jobs that will appear in the market between now and the end of the century haven't even been thought of yet.

We must improve the education we provide our workers as we approach the 21st century.

We will make investments in the workforce of the next century by increasing vocational technical school spending by \$9 million over the next two years.

The technological changes of the next century will demand that all our workers are skilled and literate.

We will invest still more to attack the critical problem of adult illiteracy in the workplace.

We will create a youth apprenticeship program within the VTAE System to assist local districts in developing and expanding training opportunities for students under 21, who are seeking entry-level job skills.

We will expand funding to increase minority student recruitment and retention in all of the occupational programs at our vocational technical schools.

We must also protect our investment in our state's university system. The UW-System is a truly world-class institution . . . one of the finest in the nation.

It is essential that we continue to attract the best and most qualified teachers and professors to our campuses.

Therefore, this budget will completely fund existing catch up pay raises, totalling \$5.5 million in the first year . . . with a modest increase to follow in the second year.

To ensure student access to higher education in our state, tuition increases will be limited to a systemwide

average of 2.1% in the first year . . . the lowest tuition increase in ten years -- and that will make this parent very happy.

And to help students afford their education . . . we will increase funding of the state's student financial aid programs to match the tuition increase.

In the high-priced world of college education, UW Schools have always been a real value.

This budget proposes to keep higher education affordable and accessible.

University research has become a powerful engine, driving our state's economic development.

I am committed to ensuring that our tradition of leadership in research is not merely maintained, but grows into the next century.

Included in the capital budget, which I will introduce next month, will be a major research building initiative -- called WIS-STAR -- will modernize aging facilities and propel Wisconsin to the forefront in areas crucial to our collective future . . . such as Bio-Technology.

Economic Development

As our graduates enter the workforce . . . we must ensure that the Wisconsin economy remains healthy and hearty . . .

Now, we must extend our prosperity to areas of our state that have not grown as fast or come as far as we would like.

We must carefully target more of our development resources to small businesses in rural areas, the central city and on the reservations.

Earlier this week, I unveiled an initiative, designed to attack poverty and joblessness in the central city.

Central city residents have told me that they need resources and technical assistance to improve the quality of life in their communities.

It is time for us, in state government, to focus our efforts on the people who are quietly working to support their families and rebuild their neighborhoods.

I have been to the central city and met these people. They ask only for the tools to get the job done.

The initiative is designed to promote job creation, home ownership and investment in Milwaukee's central city.

There are other communities that need our help. Eau Claire faces the loss of a major employer with the closing of the Uniroyal Plant.

Therefore, this budget provides a quarter of a million dollars from the Wisconsin development fund for retraining these workers.

To help small business in every corner of our state, the budget creates a small business health insurance program. The program will make health insurance more affordable and available to small businesses and farmers.

As part of this proposal, we will create a catastrophic claim fund designed to spread out small group liability . . . this will guarantee access to insurance coverage for small group members.

We also intend to change the way we tax telecommunications companies. . . . Changing the entire tax structure from a tax on gross receipts . . . to an ad valorem tax based on the company's value.

The proposal was worked out, after lengthy negotiations between telecommunications companies and secretaries Jim Klauser and Mark Bugher.

If the legislature adopts this initiative as proposed, we have been assured that the major tele-communications companies will set aside refund claims due them, amounting to more than \$90 million.

This agreement is truly a win-win situation. It is good for business development . . . It's good for consumers . . . and it's good for taxpayers.

Tourism and Foreign Trade

As the good news about Wisconsin spreads around the nation . . . our state has played host to a steady stream of tourists.

We must continue to attract visitors to our state by increasing funding for heritage tourism, snowmobile trail grooming, and an additional Wisconsin information center.

But commerce crosses more than just state lines. If our state business and industry are truly to prosper . . . we must continue to identify new international markets for our goods and services.

Therefore, we will expand our very successful international trade office program by opening a new office in Mexico to complement our existing offices in Frankfurt, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Seoul.

Highway Initiatives

As we reach out to welcome visitors to our state, and as we carry forth Wisconsin's goods and services to new business partners around the nation and around the world . . .

We must continue to improve our state network of interstate and local highways with our corridors 2020 program.

This budget enumerates eleven new highway projects within current funding levels to further improve our outstanding highway system.

In April, I will submit a comprehensive transportation bill to address our state's growing needs for a far reaching, well-maintained network of roads and highways.

I am convinced that we can accomplish great things by simply working together.

With teamwork, the state, the city and county of Milwaukee, and the Brewers can build a new stadium for our state's professional sports teams.

Not only is that a win-win situation . . . it could mean the pennant.

Welfare Reform

Creating new opportunities for all our citizens has been a primary goal of the Thompson administration.

Our welfare reform initiatives have given thousands of Wisconsinites new opportunity and new hope.

Our efforts have earned us the praise and admiration of the nation. Wisconsin is the leader in making welfare programs work.

The programs in this budget will expand on the successes of our first wave of welfare reform and set in motion a second wave of even more sweeping changes.

We have learned much in the last few years.

We know that children who stay in school are far less likely to end up on welfare.

We know that when fathers support their families, fewer children live in poverty.

We know that getting married is a key reason for leaving welfare.

And we know that work is always better than welfare.

The budget expands learnfare to children ages 6 to 12. So that our youngest children will never fall into the dangerous habits of skipping school.

An additional \$1.7 million will be provided to help these families keep their children in school.

Our Children First Program, which has been so successful in Racine and Fond Du Lac Counties, will be implemented statewide.

This program requires unmarried fathers, who are not paying child support, to participate in the state's workfare program.

These non-custodial fathers will be given work experience, so that they can find employment and pay their child support.

We will create a family and parental responsibility initiative to reinforce families and the strength they provide.

This initiative removes the financial obstacles to marriage and work while fostering parental responsibility.

We will also use the federal waiver we received to eliminate disincentives for welfare recipients to work more than 100 hours each month.

Wisconsinites are compassionate and generous. This budget proposes that we pay welfare recipients who are new to Wisconsin the same benefit they would have received in their home state.

For the first six months, we will pay higher benefits to those who come from states which pay more, and lower benefits to those who come from state which pays less.

Day Care

Wisconsin's families are changing. As more become two-career families, the need for quality day care increases.

This budget proposes to use increased federal funds to provide a total of \$49 million in day care assistance for low income families.

Of that, \$31.4 million will be allocated to counties for community aids day care services. The remaining \$17.4 million will be used to improve the quality of day care services, to develop a statewide child care referral network, and to start up day care centers in economically disadvantaged urban and rural areas.

Medical Assistance

Wisconsin already boasts an impressive array of health care services for its citizens, and this budget makes an even greater commitment. The single largest increase in this budget is for medical assistance.

We will increase spending by \$158 million during the next two years.

Agriculture Initiatives

Just as communities and caring have always been a mainstay of our life in Wisconsin . . .

So has agriculture and the family farm.

Farming is more than just a means of earning a living here . . . it's a way of life. It's our strength and our heritage.

We must preserve that way of life by protecting our crops, our livestock and our family farms.

This budget strengthens our food inspection program by providing additional resources to maintain the integrity of our farm products and livestock.

As much as 85% of our dairy products are sold outside the state . . . and it is vital that we protect our

farm's sterling reputation by setting the highest inspection standards possible.

This measure will ensure that our products will always be something special from Wisconsin.

The budget also provides more than \$360,000 to extend the state's stray voltage program. These funds will allow the state to assess more completely the impact of stray voltage on Wisconsin's agricultural industry.

This important program will help protect the state's dairy herds from stray voltage which can affect dairy production.

The budget also makes permanent two vital programs.

We will provide another quarter of a million dollars in state and federal money to fund the farmer assistance program.

And, finally, we will provide \$300,000 to continue our sustainable agriculture programs and protect our ground water.

Environment Protection Initiatives

Few things are more important to our children than clean air, water and soil.

This budget takes steps to protect and preserve our state's precious resources.

We will protect groundwater against contamination from pesticide runoff through increased investigations, clean-up and proper pesticide management.

The budget authorizes \$623 million in bonding authority for the clean water fund. This program will help communities meet enhanced clean water standards.

The budget also creates a user-fee funded safe water program to ensure compliance with federal drinking water standards and to begin the clean up of our great lakes bays and harbors.

We will also issue a habitat stamp to provide funding for the administration of the \$250 million stewardship land acquisition program.

We will provide half a million dollars to expand the endangered resources program, including the creation of a \$100,000 challenge fund to encourage greater participation in the income tax check-off program.

Lastly, at the direction of the legislature . . . we are proposing a funding mechanism for the recycling program that reflects businesses' and consumers' contributions to the waste stream.

The program will fund 100 percent of our recycling costs through a used tire fee, the existing gross receipts tax for businesses, and a fee on residential electric and gas bills during summer months only.

Conclusion

Ladies and gentlemen . . . earlier I told you that this was a taxpayers budget.

We designed it for them. We designed this budget to make their lives a little easier in tight times.

That means we in state government must work harder on their behalf.

At my inaugural, I told you I wanted to reach out to every member of this legislature . . . to form new partnerships.

I also promised the people of our state that I would protect them from tax increases . . . because increased taxes are the surest way to wreck our strong economy.

Wisconsin's taxpayers cannot afford a tax increase . . .

Wisconsin's taxpayers demand spending restraint . . .

Wisconsin's taxpayers deserve property tax control . . .

I have delivered to you a budget that keeps faith with the Wisconsin taxpayers.

Now I challenge you to do likewise.

I challenge you to balance the books . . . to avoid a general tax increase . . . to control state spending . . . to control property taxes.

This challenge will not be easy . . . it will take many people many long hours and many late nights. But it is our duty.

It is the hard work of governing.

Thank you so very much.

Tommy G. Thompson

Governor

3:15 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess until 4:08 P.M.

3:22 P.M.

RECESS

4:08 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

QUORUM CALL

Senator Helbach called the attention of the Chair to the possible lack of a quorum.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Present — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Berndt, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Czarnezki, Decker, Ellis, Farrow, Feingold, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Kreul, Lasee, Leean, Lorman, Moen, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Rude, Stitt, Ulichny, Van Sistine and Weeden — 33.

Absent — None.

Absent with leave — None.

The Chair, with unanimous consent, asked that the rules be suspended and that the Senate return to the 4th order of business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The joint committee on Finance reports and recommends:

Senate Bill 21

Relating to providing benefits to veterans of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

Introduction of Senate substitute amendment 1:

Ayes, 16 -- Senators George, Roshell, Chvala, Andrea, Czarnezki, Jauch, Leean and Weeden; Representatives Linton, Wineke, M. Coggs, Holperin, Hubler, Antaramian, Panzer and Brancel;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Introduction and adoption of Senate amendment 1 to Senate substitute amendment 1:

Ayes, 13 -- Senators George, Roshell, Chvala, Andrea, Czarnezki and Jauch; Representatives Linton, M. Coggs, Holperin, Hubler, Antaramian, Panzer and Brancel;

Noes, 3 -- Senators Leean and Weeden; Representative Wineke.

Adoption of Senate substitute amendment 1:

Ayes, 16 -- Senators George, Roshell, Chvala, Andrea, Czarnezki, Jauch, Leean and Weeden; Representatives Linton, Wineke, M. Coggs, Holperin, Hubler, Antaramian, Panzer and Brancel;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Passage as amended with the emergency clause attached:

Ayes, 16 -- Senators George, Roshell, Chvala, Andrea, Czarnezki, Jauch, Leean and Weeden; Representatives Linton, Wineke, M. Coggs, Holperin, Hubler, Antaramian, Panzer and Brancel;

Noes, 0 -- None.

Senate Bill 22

An act relating to health insurance risk sharing plan premium reductions and deductibles subsidy and making an appropriation.

Introduction and adoption of Senate amendment 1:

Ayes, 16 -- Senators George, Roshell, Chvala, Andrea, Czarnezki, Jauch, Leean and Weeden; Representatives Linton, Wineke, M. Coggs, Holperin, Hubler, Antaramian, Panzer and Brancel;

Noes, 0 -- None.

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Noes, 0 -- None.

Gary R. George
Co-chair

Barbara J. Linton
Co-chair

REPORT OF JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTIONS

Appendix to Senate Bill 16

Public Policy Involved

This bill is good public policy. However, the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions is concerned that the term "theater of operations" is not sufficiently defined in the Bill.

Tom Barrett
Co-chair

Lou Fortis
Co-chair

Referred to the committee on Aging, Banking, Communications and Taxation.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that **Senate Bills 21 and 22** be withdrawn from the committee on Senate Rules and taken up.

Senate Bill 21

Relating to providing benefits to veterans of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 1 to Senate substitute amendment 1?

Adopted.

Senate amendment 2 to Senate substitute amendment 1 to **Senate Bill 21** offered by Senator Van Sistine.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 2 to Senate substitute amendment 1?

Adopted.

The question was: Adoption of Senate substitute amendment 1?

Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

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Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 21

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 33; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 0; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Berndt, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Czarnezki, Decker, Ellis, Farrow, Feingold, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Kreul, Lasee, Leraan, Lorman, Moen, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Rude, Stitt, Ulichny, Van Sistine and Weeden — 33.

Noes — None.

Absent or not voting — None.

Passed.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be ordered immediately messaged.

Senate Bill 22

An act relating to health insurance risk sharing plan premium reductions and deductibles subsidy and making an appropriation.

Read a second time.

The question was: Adoption of Senate amendment 1? Adopted.

Ordered to a third reading.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that the bill be considered for final action at this time.

Senate Bill 22

Read a third time.

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes — Senators Adelman, Andrea, Barrett, Berndt, Breske, Buettner, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Czarnezki,

Decker, Ellis, Farrow, Feingold, George, Helbach, Huelsman, Jauch, Kreul, Lasee, Leraan, Lorman, Petak, Plewa, Potter, Risser, Roshell, Rude, Stitt, Ulichny, Van Sistine and Weeden — 32.

Noes — None.

Absent or not voting — Senator Moen — 1.

Passed.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be ordered immediately messaged.

Senator Roshell, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate recess until 5:17 P.M.

4:36 P.M.

RECESS

5:17 P.M.

The Senate reconvened.

Senator Helbach, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate adjourn until 9:30 A.M. Friday, February 8.

5:18 P.M.

CHIEF CLERK'S CORRECTION

Suggested by Legislative Reference Bureau

Senate Bill 16

1. Page 2, line 4: after "by" insert "a".